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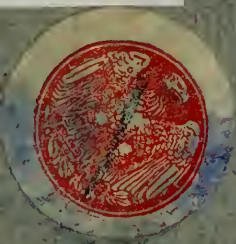
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There's a little bit of color

Floating softly overhead,

Gently gleaming in the sunshine

Bits of blue and white and red.

Only just a starry banner

In the gleam of light I see,

'Tis a little bit of color

But it means the world to me.

Now I see it in a vision

Borne by living arms of steel

On the awful field of battle

Where before it foemen reel.

Taut its lines and torn its fabric

'Mid the storm of shot and shell,

'Tis the emblem now of justice

And of tyranny the knell.

If the bearer of the banner

On the field shall chance to fall,

There are millions more of freemen

That shall grasp it at his call,

And can have no greater honor

Than to bear it firm and high,

For the love they bear their country

And they do not fear to die.

Then I'll raise the bit of color
As the dearest thing of all,
Emblem of the light of freemen
Who shall gather at its call.
Floating proudly o'er our country
Idolized from sea to sea
'Tis a little bit of color
But it means the world to me.



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